Essay Outline 5: Monster Alien

**Questions**

**Potential Thesis**: Far more than a stock character or a cliché the parasitoid aliens depicted in modern science fiction play upon fears of parasitism, mimicry, disease, and annihilation

**Potential Texts:** Alien, The Father-Thing, The Ark in Space,

**Near universal disgust of parasitism.**

1. Alien: the xenomoprh face-hugger and chestburster.
2. The Father Thing: This was all the father-thing had left; it had eaten the rest. Taken the insides -- and his father's place.
3. Doctor Who: “…its almost too horrible to think about.”

**Humans are at risk of annihilation by the bug like alien**

1. Alien: The crew of the Nostromo is at risk of being utterly destroyed. Ash: I can't lie to you about your chances, but... you have my sympathies.
2. The Father Thing: Behind the mother-thing were other pulpy white larvae, recently laid by the bug. Small. Just coming into existence.
3. Doctor Who: The Wirrn are here. They will
(Noah loses the fight against the green thing taking over his body.)
NOAH: We shall absorb the humans. The Earth shall be ours.

**In inhabiting human bodies as a part of their mode of reproduction these aliens use the darkly symbolize rape.**

1. Kane is host and “gives birth” to the xenomorph.
2. The father thing’s insides are eaten and the alien becomes an evil doppelganer
3. Noah is taken control of by the Wirren (the mother laid eggs in Dune) they digest the victims and steal their identities.